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FOR: STATE-CU/EE, USIA-IEE

1. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE POLISH JAZZ FEDERATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS DECIDED TO DISCONTINUE SUPPORT FOR THE WARSAW JAZZ JAMBOREE THIS OCTOBER. ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION, GEORGE WEIN SENT A LETTER TO PAGART, THE POLISH ARTISTIC BOOKING AGENCY, STATING THAT HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO BRING AMERICAN JAZZ PERFORMERS TO POLAND THIS YEAR WITHOUT STATE DEPARTMENT SUPPORT.

2. THE EMBASSY REQUESTS CLARIFICATION. WITHOUT AMERICAN PARTICIPATION, THERE WILL BE NO JAZZ JAMBOREE WORTHY OF THE NAME. FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN YEARS, WARSAW'S THREE-DAY JAZZ MUSIC FESTIVAL HAS BEEN ONE OF THE LARGEST IN EUROPE AND THE SINGLE MOST SIGNIFICANT JAZZ EVENT IN EASTERN EUROPE. YOUNG PEOPLE FLOCK TO WARSAW FROM THE SOVIET UNION THE GDR AND OTHER NEIGHBORING STATES FOR THE JAZZ JAMBOREE.

3. THE POLISH JAZZ FEDERATION HAS ALREADY BEGUN PUBLICIZING THE APPEARANCE OF SARAH VAUGHN, B.B. KING, WEATHER REPORT AND THE YOUNG GIANTS OF JAZZ AT JAZZ JAMBOREE AND SAYS IT HAS ALREADY SOLD ABOUT A THOUSAND CARNETS TO FANS WHO EXPECT THESE

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PERFORMERS TO APPEAR ON STAGE IN OCTOBER. SINCE

ANY SUCCESSFUL JAZZ FESTIVAL MUST RETURN TO THE
ROOTS OF THE MUSIC, THE ABSENCE OF AMERICAN ARTISTS
WOULD BE A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT TO THOUSANDS OF
POLES AND WOULD BE A BREAK WITH A LONG ESTABLISHED
TRADITION IN A VERY FRUITFUL CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS
PROGRAM.
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